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SUBJ: STATEMENT BY MAJID ABU SHARARA ON UNSC DEBATE

1. IN JAN 14 INTERVIEW PRINTED IN JAN 19 ISSUE OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEEKLY "MONDAY MORNING", MAJID ABU SHARARA, HEAD OF PLO'S INIFIED INFORMATION BUREAU AND MEMBER OF PLO DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, ADDRESSES HIMSELF TO U.S. POSITIION DURING UNSC DEBATE ON MIDEAST.

2. ASKED IF HE SEES ANY CHANGE OR IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINE QUESTION, ABU SHARARA REPLIES: "AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, IN HIS STIFF OPPOSITION TO ADMISSION OF PALESTINIANS TO SC SESSION, USED MUCH SOFTER TERMS THAN HE DID IN PREVIOUS MEETING, WHEN HE STOOD IN OPPOSITION TO INVITATION OF PLO TO SC DEBATE. IN FORM, THEN, AMERICAN STATEMENTS WERE LESS VIOLENT THIS TIME. IF WE CONSIDER CONTENT OF STATEMENTS, HOWEVER, WE SEE NO CHANGE IN AMERICAN POSITION, ALTHOUGH THERE IS TALK IN UN CORRIDORS OF POSSIBILITY OF US NOT USING ITS VETO PRIVILEGE IF RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED DO NOT CONTRADICT UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338".

3. ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTS DEFINITE RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY OR BY MAJORITY VOTE OR U.S. USE OF IT VETO TO PREVENT PASSAGE OF ANY RESOLUTION, ABU SHARARA REPLIES: "IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THIS SC MEETING WILL LAST FOR TWO WEEKS. MANY NATIONS HAVE SPOKEN AND MANY MORE HAVE ASKED TO BE GIVEN FLOOR.... ARAB GROUP HAS FORMED COMMITTEE... TO PREPARE NECESSARY RESOLUTION PROPOSALS. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT MORE THAN ONE RESOLUTION WILL BE PROPOSED, TO PRESENT U.S. WITH OBSTACLE OF HAVING TO USE ITS VETO MORE THAN ONCE. THERE ARE ALSO SOME ARAB DELEGATIONS THAT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD SATISFY PALESTINIANS AND NOT DRIVE U.S. TO USE ITS RIGHT OF VETO. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH RESOLUTION IS POSSIBLE -- NO RESOLUTION WOULD SATISFY PALESTINIANS AND ESCAPE AMERICAN VETO -- ALTHOUGH, AS SOME ARAB COUNTRIES HOPE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ENVISAGE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD DRAW AMERICAN ABSTENTION.... ONE OF RESOLUTIONS TO BE PROPOSED WILL BE ONE CALLING FOR INVITATION OF PLO TO ATTEND ALL SC MEETINGS IN WHICH PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND MIDEAST CRISIS ARE DISCUSSED."
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